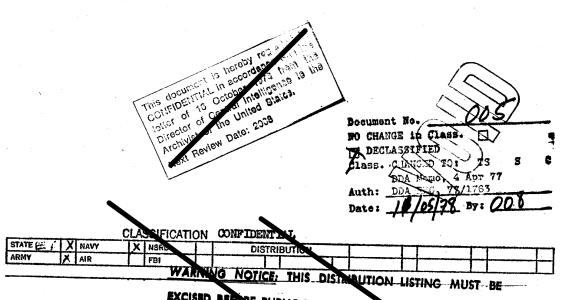
CLASSIFICATION CONTIDENTIAL Approved For Release 1899 (Nº EL GENCE AGENCY 00457R0022002900 REPORT NO. CD NO. OUNTRY Syria 25X1A2g 5 an 1949. 25X1A9a **SUBJECT** DATE DISTR. Reasons for the Failure of NO. OF PAGES 1 Hashim Atasi to Form a Cabinet 25X1A6a NO. OF ENCLS. **ACQUIRED** DATE OF INF SUPPLEMENT TO

25X1X6 REPORT NO.

- Source states that, contrary to the Damascus press reports to the effect that Hashim Atasi surrendered his opportunity to form a new government because of Nationalist insistence upon inclusion in his cabinet of Nabih Asmah, Lufti Haffer, Sabri Asali and Michel Ilian, the major factor in Atasi's failure was President Quawatli's refusal to accept the following conditions to Atasi's assumption of the premiership:
 - 4. New elections.

PLACE

- Charges of malfeasance and trials for the former cabinet ministers.
- 2. Hashim Atasi had been persuaded to present the President with these conditions by Adnan Atasi, who had also persuaded him to ask President Quarwatli to sign a decree embodying these conditions, which Hashim Atasi could make public after his cabinet had been formed. After refusal by President Quawatli to accept such conditions, no serious attempt was made by Atasi to form a new cabinet.



EXCISED BEFORE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THIS DOCUMENT.